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MEMO TO: Deputy Chief, Supply Division

1. Nothing new here. FPA is a mechanism designed to count assets, (property or money) control their use and provide a historical record of use. The first 16 pages are spent in evaluating how well FPA serves as a budget and funding vehicle in a highly complex budgetary atmosphere. Naturally, the ineptness of the FPA system is magnified in this form of comparison--its like how well does the electric percolator fry bacon.

2. Constructively, [REDACTED] trying to utilize one mechanism to do two different jobs may be the wrong approach. A Federal Agency needs dollar control; it also needs sound budgeting and funding practices. These are two subjects and can be treated much more clearly if we back off and:

a. Streamline FPA Property controls.

b. Establish a budget and funding control system. (I don't believe we are at the stage of being able to computerize the thinking that must go into preparation of a budget.)

3. As a thought for future reference, the term "PPA/PRA System" is used so much that it may become accepted terminology. PPA and PRA constitutes no "system"; they are working elements of the Financial Property Accounting (FPA) System.



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